

# DIAA Wrestling Committee Minutes

DATE: March 10, 2019 Meeting convened at: 9:08 a, at Smyrna High School

-Present: Joe Archangelo, Ron Eby, John Groom, Vic Leonard, Steve Lex, Buddy Lloyd, Chairman, Russ Neal, Tommie Neubauer, Peter Parlett, John Rigby, Reese Rigby, John Rusnak, Bill Shedaker. [13]

-Absent – Jeff Hewes, Chris Mattioni, Shawn Tidwell, Robert Watson. [4]

-Buddy went over the results of the Dual Team and Individual Championship tournaments. The Committee voiced their satisfaction with the procedures and results regarding selection and seeding. The Committee is requesting that the Track Wrestling software be set so any wrestler, even those with a losing record, can be shown for comparison when individual seeding needs to be done. Buddy is working with Track to get this accomplished.

-Mr. Neubauer reviewed the two State Tournaments from a financial perspective. Overall, the Tournaments lost money. The Committee discussed ways to reduce costs and improve attendance. A motion was made by Ron Eby, seconded by Vic Leonard to offer the Teams seeded #1 in each Division to be the 2020 host sites for the Opening Round of the Dual Team Wrestling Tournament, passed 13-0.

-The State Coaches Association sent three request to the Committee.

The first concerned the sites of the expanded Dual Team Tournament. The Committee addressed this in action already passed.

The second concern involved the seating arrangement of the officials during the finals of the Individual championships, the Committee delegated Vic Leonard and John Groom to work with the host site on this request for the 2020 Tournament.

The third request was to allow for a 24-hour appeal window of the Individual Tournament brackets before they would be made public. The Committee noted that coaches have the ability to input head-to-head results of their wrestlers even as late as Saturday before the Sunday seeding meeting in order that the committee have all the information necessary to compose a proper seeding. With Trackwrestling having the capability to include wrestlers with losing records in the ranking list, the committee feels confident that proper seeding will be done and there is no need for a 24-hour appeal window. With the understanding that the committee have access to enhanced records from Trackwrestling, motion by Russ Neal, seconded by Reese Rigby to keep the seeding format as is, without the 24-hour window, passed 13-0.

-Buddy shared that Cape Henlopen agreed to host the 2020 Individual Championship, and that school administration was attempting to modify the high school calendar to have no school the afternoon of the first day of the competition. [Friday, February 28, 2020]. Motion by Steve Lex, seconded by Bill Shedaker to approve Cape Henlopen High School as the site of the 2020 DIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament. Passed 13-0.

-Buddy noted that there were questions asked of him as to why scratches on the opening day of the individual tournament were not filled by the next wrestler in line and a re-seeding of the bracket take place. The Committee discussed this point and the current procedure. The discussion reinforced the necessity of having a cut-off to allow for the printing of the Tournament program and the Brackets. It was noted that the current procedure added stability to the bracket. In addition, it allowed a wrestler the proper preparation all week using the results of the seeded bracket to project opponents. No motion was made to change the current Thursday evening deadline.

-Buddy asked the question of how widespread was the use of the Trackwrestling statistics package. None of the Coaches present could offer an answer. DIAA pays an annual fee for that part of that program. A suggestion was to have the Coaches Association poll their members as to the use of the program and report to the Committee before the next school year.

- Some hardware concerns were discussed by the Committee.

The bracket printer [plotter] that is currently used by the Committee is old and requires new ink cartridges every year. The question was asked if some of our member schools might allow the Committee to use a plotter that they may have in their possession due having to a CAD drafting program in their school, Buddy will explore this option. It was also noted that the 4 Tanita scales currently owned by DIAA and used by the Committee have been discontinued and will become obsolete and unrepairable in the near future. The Committee will examine newer models from Tanita and InBody as replacements for future purchase and use.

- The Committee reviewed how the exhibition female wrestling matches were conducted at the beginning of the Individual tournament this year. Everyone agreed that the inattentiveness of the audience to both Mike Moyer of the NWCA and to the biographical information of the female wrestlers was an embarrassment. The Committee consensus was that this continues to be a worthwhile effort and we will try to continue this, and that perhaps a better PA system would be a help.
- John Groom noted that there were no concerns that the officials wanted the Committee to consider. Tommie expressed his concern about the abuse officials experience from fans and sometimes coaches. This trend discourages new and younger folks from attempting to become officials. The efforts of the DWOA to recruit new Officials was noted by Mr. Neubauer.
- Buddy went over the meeting dates for the next school year, 2019-2020.  
Those dates are:  
Sunday, September 22, 2019  
Sunday, January 12, 2020  
Sunday, February 9, 2020  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
Sunday, March 15, 2020.  
The Dual Team Tournament dates will be Wednesday February 12 and Saturday February 15, 2020.  
The Individual Championships will be Friday, February 28 and February 29, 2020.  
Motion by Vic Leonard to approve, seconded by John Groom, approved by vote of 13-0.
- Mr. Neubauer shared the change to the DIAA Regulations to always start each season of practice on a Monday, and competition for Fall and Winter seasons on a Wednesday. For the 2019-2020 school year, the first date of practice will be Monday, November 11, 2019 and the first date for competition will be December 4, 2019.  
October 15 will be the first date for body composition testing and February 8 will be the last possible date for body composition certification.
- Mr. Neubauer noted that the Rules and Regulations Committee is working on adopting a joint team practice Regulation. He also defined the term 'Elite' as it applies to the exception an individual wrestler may ask for when invited to a National Elite competition.
- Per DIAA Regulation, any Committee member who had been assigned a term that would end in 2019 must ask to be reappointed to the Committee or please notify the Committee Chair that they wish to retire. An e-mail sent to Mr. Neubauer by May 1, 2019 will be sufficient notice.
- John Rigby was asked if there were concerns from the junior high segment of our wrestling community. John mentioned that the start time for matches of 4:00 o'clock was a problem for both coaches and wrestlers getting out of school to go to an away meet and a problem for officials to get to the host site in time to conduct skin checks as well as supervise a weigh-in. The Committee requested that a start time of 4:15pm might be beneficial to schools and officials.
- Ron Eby and Mr. Neubauer both expressed their gratitude and admiration for Buddy and his leadership of this committee and the enormous amount of work and effort he has continued to pour into what this committee accomplishes behind the scenes to help make this sport benefit those that wish to affiliate with this sport.
- Motion to adjourn by John Rusnak, seconded by Joe Archangelo, passed 13-0 at 11:58am.